

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
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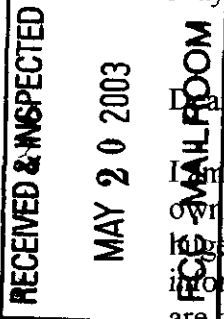
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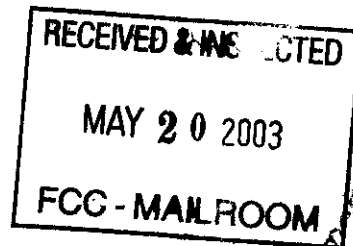
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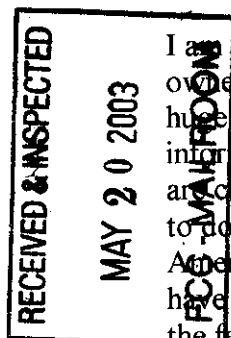
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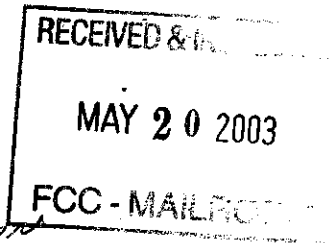
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Richard Nieto
716 S. Winchester Ave
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Dear Chairman Powell,

I urge you not to deregulate media outlets under FCC jurisdiction. It seems to me media outlets will be controlled by large national/international corporations & we, the people will suffer as a result of not having a variety of media outlets to make sound, educational, informed decisions on activities that affect us.

A true Democracy demands a free press, not a controlled press as we witness during the Iraq situation.

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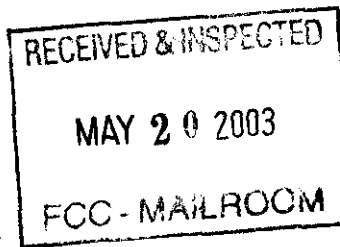
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The free flow of information, the benefits of local competition and the power of a diverse marketplace will virtually disappear.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

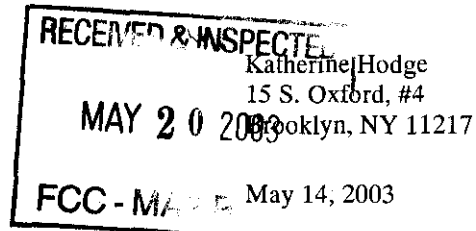
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Sincerely,

Maureen Robichaud
64 Walnut Road
Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876

*I am very concerned about
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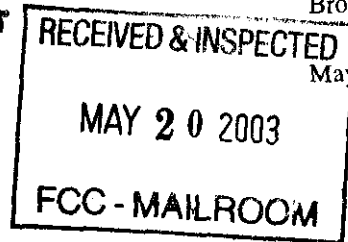
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Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

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Sincerely,

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From:

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I would urge to oppose the proposal to let the big media companies conglomerates to take over small television/radio stations. With the big contributions to political candidates + the surveillance of large companies/combines; it would appear these are against the our democratic life which seems to be disappearing along w/ our right every day. Someone must stand up for these rights. I trust you will be one of those

Sincerely, Jerry McKinney

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Over our lifetimes, we have seen the time allotments for commercials per hour triple. In addition, the public used to have some power over a radio and/or TV station by exercising its rights to comment when its license renewal came up. Stations had to meet a minimum of hours devoted to the public interest, and a license could be denied if a station was found wanting in its children's programming, time devoted to public issues, etc. Laws had some teeth in them, and seemed to be enforced. Equal time for both sides was required when elections rolled around. If one party or candidate was given access to listeners or viewers, the opposition had to be given equal access. Station ownership was restricted, so that diverse views and political opinion could be encouraged. The premise was that the public airwaves were owned by the public, NOT corporate entities. The FCC was established and run to guarantee that the public interest was served while still allowing private control of programming, so diverse viewpoints could be expressed from which the public could then form its opinions. We commercialized the public airwaves, but required some minimum standards to restrict exploitation of public property.

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Sincerely,

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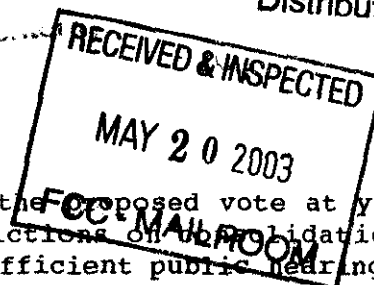
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Democracy is not well served by having fewer and fewer giant corporations controlling the news.

We need media outlets to be in more hands, not fewer.

We also should also bring back the fairness doctrine.

The airwaves belong to the public. Please act to protect the public interest.

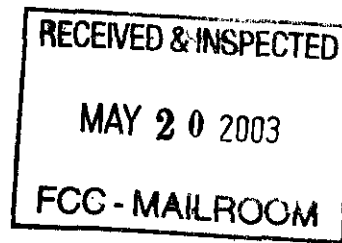
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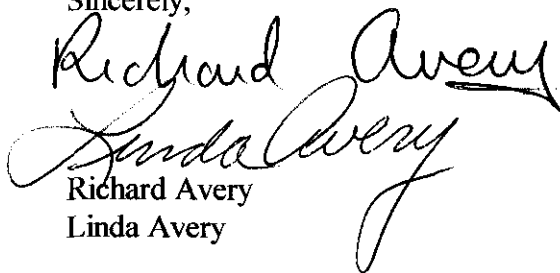
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We think that it's unconscionable for the Commission to try to sneak the rule change through. Just one hearing? Ridiculous! Why are you trying to shield this from public scrutiny? (We think that we know the answer to THAT one!)

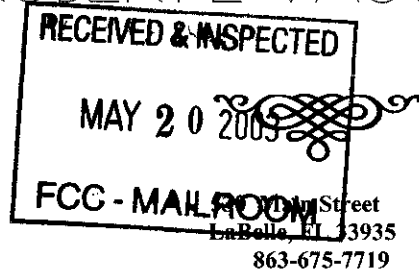
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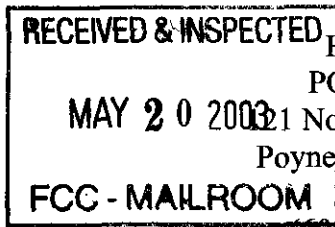
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As media units enlarge, fewer remain. In parallel, broadcast viewpoints also dwindle leaving all of us a narrower and stunted set of data with which to acquire an effective viewpoint of our own.

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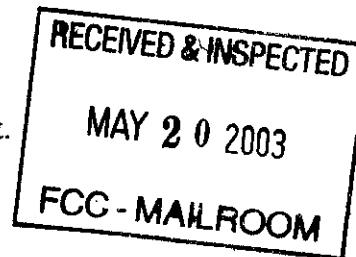
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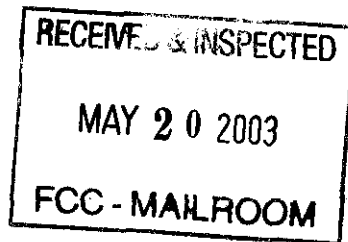
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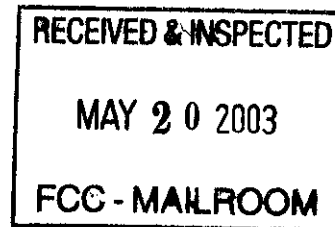
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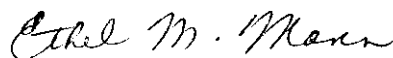
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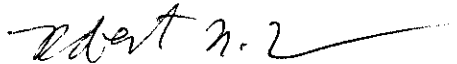
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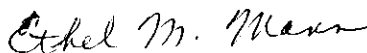
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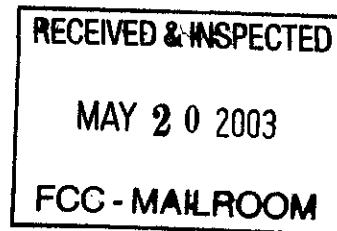
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Re: Please Retain and Strengthen Current Media Ownership Rules

Distribution Center

Dear Commissioner Martin:

I am writing to remind the members of the Federal Communications Commission that you are responsible for ensuring that the media "serve the public interest." I am concerned that if the FCC continues to relax regulations on media ownership, the victor will be big business — and the casualties will be the people of the U.S. The free flow of information, the benefits of local competition and the power of a diverse marketplace will virtually disappear.

I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society. The media are more than just another business; they control the flow of information that affects our daily lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues.

The FCC has a responsibility to establish rules that encourage the media to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. The FCC was not created solely to serve the interests of the media giants.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining media ownership regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Pinkerton".

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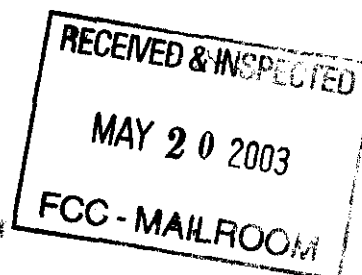
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May 3, 2003

Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

We object to the lack of public input on the proposed vote at your June 2, 2003, meeting of the FCC to relax restrictions on consolidation of media ownership. Not only have there been insufficient public hearings on these unspecified proposals, as reported in the press, but the whole movement toward deregulation of broadcast TV is abhorrent to me and my wife.

Over our lifetimes, we have seen the time allotments for commercials per hour triple. In addition, the public used to have some power over a radio and/or TV station by exercising its rights to comment when its license renewal came up. Stations had to meet a minimum of hours devoted to the public interest, and a license could be denied if a station was found wanting in its children's programming, time devoted to public issues, etc. Laws had some teeth in them, and seemed to be enforced. Equal time for both sides was required when elections rolled around. If one party or candidate was given access to listeners or viewers, the opposition had to be given equal access. Station ownership was restricted, so that diverse views and political opinion could be encouraged. The premise was that the public airwaves were owned by the public, NOT corporate entities. The FCC was established and run to guarantee that the public interest was served while still allowing private control of programming, so diverse viewpoints could be expressed from which the public could then form its opinions. We commercialized the public airwaves, but required some minimum standards to restrict exploitation of public property.

The consolidation of ownership in recent years, allowed by Congress, the FCC and the courts is detrimental to democracy. We the public are inundated with ever longer, louder, and more intrusive commercials. Programming comes from an ever declining number of sources, most of which are controlled by a very restricted number of corporate producers and/or opinion shapers. Where is a diversity of views to come from if these trends continue? Cable does not provide for diversity. There may be 20 cable channels with differing identities, but they all have the same source, a single corporate entity with a single minded viewpoint or theme. The FCC must draw the line against this trend toward monopoly in the media and airwaves.

For instance, if a single corporation owns two broadcast stations and a newspaper in a single city, three news outlets may appear to be functioning, but in reality, only one management is determining what stories are aired or printed, and one management is exercising its editorial judgment. There are three entities, but only one viewpoint, perhaps even only one consolidated news gathering and editorial staff being used. The public is not being adequately served. And if the other stations in the city are equally consolidated by corporations with views similar to the first example, the public only receives a single message, erroneously implying that only one

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viewpoint exists on questions of political, economic, or social importance. This is not democracy. Rather, it leans toward totalitarian thought control. Its closest parallel would be Benito Mussolini's pioneering use of government policy for corporate interests in Italy during the 1920's, otherwise known as Fascism, later copied by Hitler, with Joseph Goebbels monopolizing all sources of information, newspaper, radio, etc. This became known as propaganda.

We both demand and plead that the FCC encourage diversity, not restrict it. The FCC must fulfill its mission to act in the PUBLIC interest, not take away the public airwaves and hand them over to a few corporations who can spend the most on lobbying in Washington! Save our public airwaves for the public, not private interests!

Thank you for your service and consideration of the above comments.

Sincerely,

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